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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the remarks which follow. The changes to the claims are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2004

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Code (\$)	Fee	Code (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	\$
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	\$
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	\$
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	\$
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	\$

SUBTOTAL (1) \$ —

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below		Fee Paid
		x	=	
Independent Claims		x 18.00	= \$	
Multiple Dependent		x 86.00	= \$	
				290.00 = \$ 0.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee	Code (\$)	Fee	Code (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ —

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	2052	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	\$
18042	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	\$
1451	1,510	2452	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1806	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	\$
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	\$
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	\$
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1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$
Other fee (specify)				Terminal Disclaimer	\$

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